



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Finance
ECAF: 2022-0257
Proposal: Ordinance 22-013

Analyst: Jim Martin
Date: March 16, 2022

Consideration:

The Executive's Office requests Council adopt the changes to voting precinct boundaries as permitted by SCC 2.47.040, RCW 29A.16.040, and RCW 29A.16.050.

Background

Under Snohomish County Code [2.47](#), the Snohomish County Auditor may temporarily adjust precinct boundaries to account for changes following the federal decennial census, annexations to cities/districts and population shifts. Additionally, Snohomish County Code allows the Snohomish County Auditor to temporarily adjust precinct boundaries under the provisions of [RCW 29A.16.040](#) and [RCW 29A.161.050](#). An ordinance submitted to the Council to adjust voting precinct boundaries must be adopted by Council no later than April 14, 2022.

Under RCW 29A.16.040, the Snohomish County Auditor may adjust precinct boundaries at any time unless it is within 14 days of the first day candidates can begin to file for the primary election.

Current Proposal

Scope: Ordinance 22-013 makes the following changes as detailed in Exhibit A:

Changes to precincts to reduce voter counts	5
Changes to precincts due to congressional redistricting	12
Changes to precincts due to legislative redistricting	45
Changes to precincts due to county council redistricting	1
Changes to precincts due to annexations	<u>11</u>
Total	74
Last year's number of precincts	827
New precincts created	19
Precincts dissolved	<u>3</u>
Total number of precincts	843

Due to these changes, the following charts show the impacts to Council District precincts:

Council District	2021	2022
1	178	187
2	149	162
3	153	155
4	166	156
5	181	183

Duration: Until modified by Ordinance

Fiscal Impacts: NONE

2022 Budget: N/A

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: URGENT (in order to meet the deadline in code)

Approved-as-to-form: YES.

Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: YES.

Analysis: This request is consistent with RCW and SCC

Attachments: NONE

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to GLS on March 23, 2022 to set a time and date for a public hearing. Following receipt of public testimony at the scheduled public hearing, consider taking action on proposed Ordinance 22-013 or provide other direction to staff.